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Hearings Called May 12 and 13 on Extension of NDEA

Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, chairman of the Subcommittee on Education of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, has suddenly called hearings on S. 1726, the Administration bill to extend and expand the National Defense Education Act, for Friday and Saturday of this week, May 12 and 13. Oral statements of witnesses have been limited to ten minutes.

The Council will present oral testimony and will also file a comprehensive written statement for the record. It is clear that under the circumstances the bulk of the record will have to be made up of written statements. Organizations and institutions interested in extending and amending the NDEA should act immediately.

Secretary Ribicoff's analysis of the Administration bill was printed in full in Vol. X, No. 17 of this Bulletin. The Council's recommendations have been published in the pamphlet, "A Proposed Program of Federal Action to Strengthen Higher Education." Institutions with a special interest in graduate study should give particular attention to the proposal for amending Title IV, the Graduate Fellowship Program.

Membership of the subcommittee is listed below.

Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare
Subcommittee on Education

Wayne Morse, Oregon, Chairman	Jennings Randolph, West Virginia
Lister Hill, Alabama	_____
Pat McNamara, Michigan	Barry Goldwater, Arizona
Ralph W. Yarborough, Texas	Clifford P. Case, New Jersey
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Additional Centers for Language Study Given NDEA Support

Thirty-one colleges and universities located in 20 states and the District of Columbia will receive National Defense Education Act funds totalling $1,751,909 in support of 47 Language and Area Centers during Academic Year 1961-62, U. S. Commission of Education Sterling M. McMurrin has announced. Purpose of these centers is to strengthen higher education facilities for study of languages critically needed in the United States. They will prepare college students to teach the required languages and related studies and will provide specialized training for individuals planning to enter government service, industry, or business where knowledge of such languages and areas is essential.

Eleven of the centers will be concerned with the study of languages and areas of East Asia. Ten will focus on Slavic languages and studies, 8 on those of the Near and Middle east, 6 on South Asia, 4 on Sub-Saharan Africa, 3 on Southeast Asia, 2 on Portuguese, 2 on East Asian and Slavic languages and studies, and 1 on the Uralic-Altaic languages.

Nineteen of the 47 centers, for which Federal funds authorized under Title VI of the National Defense Education Act were announced, received initial Federal support during the academic year 1959-60. Twenty-seven centers were added to the program for 1960-61.

Names of institutions, centers, center directors, and listings of Federally-supported and non-Federally-supported modern foreign language programs are available upon request to the Commissioner, U.S. Office of Education, Washington 25, D. C.

Increase in Number of In-Service Institutes Announced by Foundation

Approximately 11,000 secondary school teachers of science and mathematics, grades 7 through 12, will be able to obtain supplemental training during out-of-school hours under a National Science Foundation program recently announced. Foundation grants to colleges and universities totalling $2.7 million will support 236 In-Service Institutes during the 1961-62 school year in 46 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

These institutes are designed and conducted by individual universities and colleges to satisfy a variety of needs. Many institutes enable teachers to obtain additional knowledge of subject matter. Others are designed to acquaint teachers with the important new textual and laboratory materials developed by a number of study groups concerned with the improvement of course content materials. Some institutes plan to offer a sequence of courses over a period of years which will afford participants the opportunity to complete, on a part-time basis, a Master's degree program.

Three institutes in the field of radiation biology will be sponsored jointly by NSF and the Atomic Energy Commission. These will be located at Montana State University, Texas Woman's University, and the University of Washington.

A typical In-Service Institute meets once or twice a week for two or more hours -- late afternoons, evenings, or Saturdays -- during the entire academic year, with some meetings devoted to laboratory or field work. Participants receive allowances for travel and books, and pay no tuition or fees. Sponsoring institutions receive support for direct costs of operation.

The continuing expansion of the In-Service Institutes program by the Foundation is due to a recognition of the need for providing additional opportunities for teachers to improve their scientific knowledge while continuing regular classroom duties. The program, which began in 1957, has increased steadily to the 236 institutes being supported in 1961-62. More than 21,000 teachers, in public and non-public schools, have participated in this program since its inception.

Participants will be selected by the staff of the sponsoring institutions, NOT by the National Science Foundation. Inquiries and applications for participation should be addressed to directors of the institutes. Lists of the institutes are available from the National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D. C.

Two New AACRAO Books Available

The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers has published two new pamphlets which are distributed by the Publications Division of the Council.

The University Calendar is a summary of factors to be considered in calendar planning, and reviews substantial calendar changes occurring recently, $2.00.

Mexico is the latest in the series of Guides to the Academic Placement of Foreign Students in U.S. Educational Institutions, $1.00.

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